IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

MONDAY, THE 19TH MARCH 2007 / 28TH PHALGUNA 1928

WP(C).No. 7659 of 2007(J)

PETITIONER:

A.DAMODARAN, MECHANIC,
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
(AEE OFFICE), KASARGODE.

BY ADV. SRI.B.GOPAKUMAR

RESPONDENTS:
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1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE FOR
PROMOTIONS AS ASSISTANT ENGINEER (AGRICULTURE),
REPRESENTED BY ITS CONVENOR-DIRECTOR OF
AGRICULTURE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVT. PLEADER SHRI. BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 19/03/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J.

WP(C)No. 7659 OF 2007

Dated this the 19th March, 2007.

JUDGMENT

Heard counsel for the petitioner and Govt. Pleader for the respondents.

2. The petitioner is working as Mechanic and is fully qualified for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineer (Agriculture). Having regard to his seniority and qualifications his name finds a place in Ext.P3 note dated 15.12.2006. The grievance of the petitioner is that meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee to consider the fitness of the petitioner and other persons for appointment by transfer to the post of Assistant Engineer (Agriculture) is inordinately delayed for no valid reason and that the consideration of his right for promotion is unnecessarily delayed.

3. Govt. Pleader, on instruction, submits that though no specific date has been fixed for the Departmental Promotion Committee to hold its meeting, it has been decided that the meeting shall take place in the month of April 2007. I think, it is necessary in the nature of the contentions urged by the petitioner as also his grievances highlighted in this writ petition, to fix a specific time limit for the third respondent to hold its meeting.

Accordingly the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to see that the meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee for promoting Assistant Engineers (Agriculture) shall be held as expeditiously as possible and at any rate in the third week of April 2007. The time limit fixed herein shall be scrupulously adhered to. The respondents shall take note of the fact that the time limit has been fixed after ascertaining their views as well.

The petitioner shall produce a copy of the judgment along with a copy of the writ petition before the respondents for information and necessary action.

K.K.DENESAN
Judge

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